

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18-21, 23, and 25-32. Please amend Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

**Claim Listing**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for allocating memory to a process on a computer, the method comprising:  
creating a plurality of processes, each process being allocated ~~a respective~~ an amount of memory, the processes including one consumer process and a donor process wherein the memory allocated to the donor process is not owned by the donor process;  
and  
pooling the allocated memory for the processes together for use by ~~at least one of the processes~~ consumer process.
2. Canceled.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein ~~the processes include one consumer process and at least one donor process,~~ the number of donor processes is determined from the amount of allocated memory requested by the consumer process, each donor process donating allocated memory to the consumer process.
- 4-7. Canceled.
8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for allocating memory to a process on a computer, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

creates a plurality of processes, each process being allocated ~~a respective~~ an amount of memory, the processes including one consumer process and a donor process, wherein the memory allocated to the donor process is not owned by the donor process; and

pools the allocated memory for the ~~process~~ processes together for use by ~~at least one of the~~ consumer process processes;

9. Canceled.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8 wherein ~~the processes include one consumer process and at least one donor process,~~ the number of donor processes is determined from the amount of allocated memory requested by the consumer process, each donor process donating allocated memory to the consumer process.

11-14. Canceled.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit;  
a memory system connected to the central processing unit which:  
creates a plurality of processes, each process being allocated ~~a respective~~ an amount of memory, the processes including one consumer process and a donor process wherein the memory allocated to the donor process is not owned by the donor process; and  
pools the allocated memory for the ~~process~~ processes together for use by ~~at least one of the~~ consumer process processes.

16. Canceled.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 15 wherein ~~the processes include one consumer process and at least one donor process~~, the number of donor processes is determined from the amount of allocated memory requested by the consumer process, each donor process donating allocated memory to the consumer process.

18-21. Canceled.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for allocating memory to a process in a computer comprising:

means for, creating a plurality of processes, each process being allocated a respective an amount of memory, the processes including one consumer process and donor process; and

means for, pooling the allocated memory for the processes together for use by at least one of the processes consumer process;

23. Canceled.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein ~~the processes include one consumer process and at least one donor process~~, the number of donor processes determined from the amount of allocated memory requested by the consumer process, each donor process donating allocated memory to the consumer process.

25-32. Canceled.